

**MSS 315, Senator J. Allen Frear, Jr. Papers,  
Special Collections, University of Delaware Library,  
Newark, Delaware.**

**Special Collections Department, University of Delaware Library / Newark, Delaware  
19717-5267 / Phone: 302-831-2229 / Fax: 302-831-6003 / URL:  
<http://www.lib.udel.edu/ud/spec/>**

**Terms Governing Use and Reproduction**

Use of materials from this collection beyond the exceptions provided for in the Fair Use and Educational Use clauses of the U.S. Copyright Law may violate federal law. Permission to publish or reproduce is required from the copyright holder. Please contact Special Collections Department, University of Delaware Library, <http://www.lib.udel.edu/cgi-bin/askspec.cgi>

This Week In Congress Radio Address: Observance of World Day of Prayer, 1957 March 1  
Speakers: Senator J. Allen Frear, Dr. Frederick Brown Harris  
Transcribed by: David Cardillo

[00:00]

Announcer: The Week in Congress, recorded on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1957.

Mr. Kelly: From Washington, DC, transcribed, United States Senator J. Allen Frear reports again to the people of Delaware on current congressional affairs. Ladies and gentlemen, Senator Frear.

Senator Frear: Thank you. Although the great material issues of our time continue to be of much importance and concern to all of us, I have chosen to depart from comments of that nature today in order to call attention to the current observance of the World Day of Prayer with its far-reaching significance and potential, for good to all mankind. For this purpose, I am indeed pleased to include on this program a specially composed prayer by the chaplain of the United States Senate, Dr. Frederick Brown Harris. Dr. Harris has brought to the members of the Senate many inspiring thoughts during the years of his service to our membership. He is a familiar and welcome voice each day when the Senate convenes with the chaplain's prayer for guidance in our deliberations. It is most appropriate then, I believe, that not only should this special message for the World Day of Prayer be presented at this particular time, but that the prayer be spoken by the Senate chaplain himself, Dr. Harris.

Doctor Harris: Senator, it is good indeed to be with you today. Let us lift our hearts in prayer. Our Father God, amid all the tensions of these troubled days, we seek a sense of Thy presence, a saving experience of inner quiet and confidence. In a tossed and agitated world, our minds perplexed and our spirits jaded, we need Thee as a strong foundation that storms cannot shake, as a deep well of living water that no drought can exhaust, as an inner citadel over which the gates of Hell cannot prevail. As on this day of World Supplication, we bow at this world altar with Thy children of every race and tongue. We would ask for ourselves, first of all, knowing that we cannot give to others what we do not possess. Deliver us in our individual lives from pride and prejudice and from all the ugly sins of disposition which does so easily beset us and which keep us from being the channels of Thy healing grace. With our eyes this day on the world's far horizons, we would beseech Thee for this dear land of our hope and prayer, God bless America, so that through her, all nations of the Earth may be blessed. For all the glory which is America, we bless thy name. And now, as with golden cords of prayer, we would tie all Thy children under all skies around the feet of the one God, the Father of all. We pray

for the wide field which is the world. In our oneness in Thee, all barriers are burned away. All gulfs and borders of breed or birth are bridged as we take upon our lips the Master's prayer. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in all the Earth as it is in heaven. And so, with deep contrition for all our denials of brotherhood, we ask that Thou wilt make us more worthy to belong to the one great family of Thy children, and to take our place at the common table of Humanity, where the bread of fellowship is broken and the wine of sacrifice is shared. We ask it in the name of the elder brother of all men, the Savior of the world. Amen.

Senator Frear: Thank you, Dr. Harris. I am sure that the people of Delaware will find much in these words to encourage and inspire them in the days ahead. And may I urge our citizens of all faiths to join in observance in the World Day of Prayer to the end that our efforts for peace and tranquility throughout the world may be successful.

**[05:04]**

Mr. Kelly: From Washington, DC, you have heard United States Senator J. Allen Frear and Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, Chaplain of the United States Senate, in a special program commemorating the World Day of Prayer. Senator Frear's regular commentary on congressional affairs will continue next week at this same time.

**[End 05:27]**